

Skye was asked to write an essay for her social studies class. She did research and wrote the following essay, which may contain errors. Read the essay and then answer Numbers 58 through 66.

- 1        This essay is about how Mount Tamalpais got its name (pronounced "Tamal-pie-us"). Everybody in the Bay Area knows this famous mountain. But people disagree about how it got its name. Most people call it Mount Tam.
- 2        There is a legend that the mountain looks like a sleeping Indian maiden, in the legend she is called Tamalpa. She is laying on her back. Her head is to the south. You might not see her profile at first. Then it is obvious. The legend came from the Miwok people. The Miwok were an Indian tribe that once lived in this part of California.
- 3        Some historians think the Spaniards named the mountain when they came to California. Besides the Miwok, there was another Indian tribe living in the area, called the Tamals. The mountain belonged to the Tamals, so maybe the Spaniards named it after them. Also, in Spanish the word *mal* means "bad"; the word *pais* means "land." The name could be a combination of "Tamal" and *mal pais*. *Mal pais* in Spanish could have warned people that the Tamals' mountain had rocky soil. The Spaniards named other rocky places "*mal pais*" because the ground was hard to travel across.
- 4        Other experts say "Tamalpais" comes from a combination of Aztec and Spanish words. In Aztec the word *tamal* meant "cornmeal" or "cornmeal dumpling." By adding the Spanish word *pais* to the Aztec word *tamal*, the meaning would be "cornmeal dumpling country." But who would name a mountain after a dumpling?
- 5        Another group of researchers thinks the mountain got its name from two Miwok words that mean "bay" and "mountain" or "hill." Others insist that the word *tamal* in Miwok means "west" or "west coast." That makes sense because from the top of Tamalpais you can see islands 25 miles out in the Pacific. So in my opinion, the idea that the mountain got its name from the two Miwok words makes the most sense.